

bulls-eye that is Israel. If we try to do it any other way, we are simply putting a band-aid on a bleeding wound.

So Hezbollah has got to be annihilated out of Lebanon, and Hamas has got to be controlled in Gaza. But meanwhile, Iran has got to be taken out of this picture so they are not funding training and fomenting war in places like Iraq and in Israel.

But they are doing so in both places right now and they are getting away with it, Mr. Speaker. We have to put a stop to that. We have to understand our enemy before we can do that.

This Nation needs to have the will to do what we need to do. During this process of sanctions and perhaps a blockade and shutting off the economic capability of Iran to continue to conduct war, and to develop nuclear, while this is going on, I ask our President to prepare this country for the job that may be ahead of us, and it may well be something that can save millions of lives.

But it would be disastrous to wake up in the morning some morning and find out that we waited too long, that a mushroom cloud went up over Tel Aviv, and perhaps there was a missile on its way to western Europe, or a missile on its way to the east coast of the United States, and perhaps millions of people could die in this process.

This does not include smuggling those kind of weapons of mass destruction across the borders into the United States, which are still far too porous. There comes a time to act, Mr. Speaker. I am not submitting that time is right now.

But I am submitting that we need to establish a time frame and be ready. We need to look at the countries out there in the world, and determine what are their motives, what can we count on them doing, what have they told us they are going to do, and they have told us they are here to annihilate us. They repeat that over and over again.

There are people in Iran that remember the times that they lived in a modern world. They hunger for that modern world again. They are repressed by the regime that they have. They had leaders that came forward as candidates that wanted to run for office in the recent elections that they had.

But the mullahs shut them down, peeled them out, put some of them in jail and prohibited the candidates of the people of Iran from running for office so that they could choose their own leaders.

The people in Iran deserve freedom. We need to hear from the people of Iran. We need to hear what they have to say about how hungry they are for freedom. But they had a constitution that was established in 1906. It was established August 5, 1906 in Iran. And the Constitution speaks, for the most part, the same way our constitution speaks, for freedom.

Freedom for the Iranian people. The 100-year anniversary comes up on August 5, 2006. The century celebration

for the constitution of Iran. Let that be an inspiration to the people in Iran.

30-SOMETHING WORKING GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. DELAHUNT) is recognized for the balance of the time until midnight.

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I am not going to consume all of the time. I thought that I was going to be joined by my colleagues from the 30 Something Group, but it would appear tonight that only the "something" is here and the 30s have taken the night off.

But I had listened to my dear friend from Iowa earlier, and I thought that I would stay for a few minutes to make some observations. He spoke eloquently and sincerely about anti-Semitism.

I know he decries anti-Semitism, as I believe every Member in this body does. But he specifically alluded to western Europe and anti-Semitism. I think it is important for us to note the remarks just recently of the Speaker of the House of the new Iraqi Parliament.

Those remarks, I dare say, can only be interpreted as anti-Semitic, and they are in my judgment disturbing, and, yes, even dangerous. So while we speak of the new Iraqi Government and what we are told they are about, I think it is extremely important to listen, to educate ourselves, and inform the American people.

I, myself, and several of my colleagues will be introducing a resolution condemning, condemning the remarks of the Speaker of the House of the new Iraqi Parliament.

Mr. Speaker, let me read what he had to say. "Some people say," these are his words, "we saw you beheading, kidnapping and killing. In the end we even started killing women who are our honor. These acts are not the work of Iraqis, I am sure that he who does this is a Jew, and a son of a Jew. I can tell you about these Jewish Israelis and Zionists who are using Iraqi money and oil to frustrate the Islamic movement in Iraq, and come with their agent and cheap project. No one deserves to rule Iraq other than Islamists."

The same Speaker by the way, had this to say. Listen carefully to these words, Mr. Speaker, "The U.S. occupation is butcher's work, under the slogan of democracy and human rights and justice". This is the Speaker of the Iraqi Parliament, our ally, whose prime minister has been invited to speak to this House this week. I dare say he ought to immediately, upon landing in Washington, D.C. condemn these words.

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I find them disturbing and I am sure, Mr. Speaker, all of our colleagues will find them disturbing.

I am also disturbed by the words of the Iraqi foreign minister who had this to say, Mr. Speaker: Iran doesn't claim that they want to obtain a nuclear weapon or a nuclear bomb, so there is no need that we ask them for any guarantee now. Every country has the right to have its nuclear technology, every country like the Islamic Republic or any other country. I also find that disturbing. We ought not even to pose the question to Iran, according to the Iraqi foreign minister.

And let me finally note the words of the prime minister of Iraq who will address this House this week. And, again, he said these words in reference to the Israeli response after Hezbollah kidnapped two Israeli soldiers and killed others, as well as for 2 days continued to fly their rockets into civilian Israeli communities on the border between Lebanon and Israel: I condemn these aggressions and call on the Arab League foreign ministers meeting in Cairo to take quick action to stop these aggressions. We call on the world to take quick stands to stop the Israeli aggression.

Mr. Speaker, is this new Iraqi Government an ally of the United States? We should reflect on that. Particularly since we have spilled the blood of thousands of Americans on Iraqi soil, where we have given, not loaned, Mr. Speaker, as some of us recommended, but rather given to date \$30 billion in the reconstruction of Iraq. And just this week we are told by the Comptroller General of the United States, David Walker, the head of the Government Accountability Office, that some 50 billion additional dollars are going to be needed simply to restore the oil facilities and the electric grid in Iraq, and that the American taxpayer would have to pay for all of it.

We ought to be thinking carefully about this, Mr. Speaker. These are facts, where the military deployment of Americans has cost in excess of \$300 billion and is escalating every day with no end in sight.

My friend from Iowa talks about Iran. We ought to be aware, Mr. Speaker, there appears to be a special relationship now evolving between Iran and Iraq. There has been agreement after agreement concluded between Iran and Iraq, and the Iranian foreign minister has visited in Baghdad and consulted with the new Iraqi Government. Iran has agreed to construct a new airport in Iraq; they have extended loan credits in the amount of \$1 billion to Iraq. And, Mr. Speaker, I think this is especially important for the American people to know, they have concluded a bilateral military cooperation agreement. Yes, Iran and Iraq have concluded a military agreement. And this week we will be hearing from the Iraqi prime minister.

I could go on and on, Mr. Speaker, but I thought it was important after listening to my friend and colleague that I introduce new information for us to reflect on and to analyze and be honest with the American people.

It is not going well in Iraq, Mr. Speaker. We heard from General Abizaid just this week where he said there has been serious sectarian violence, and our ability to control it is very much in doubt.

So when we discuss the issues that implicate the Middle East and beyond the Middle East, it is important that we put forth all of the facts.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Mr. BERMAN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a death in the family.

Ms. HARMAN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business.

Mr. HONDA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of family business.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of family medical emergency.

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Ms. MCKINNEY (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of inclement weather.

Mr. BACHUS (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of a family emergency.

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of official business.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. FORTENBERRY (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for July 20 until 1:00 p.m. on account of medical reasons.

Mr. GIBBONS (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today.

Mr. ISTOOK (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week on account of matters that required attention in Oklahoma.

Mr. WESTMORELAND (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of personal reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CROWLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MEEKS of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. LOWEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RANGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SLAUGHTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WELLER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, July 28.

Mr. OSBORNE, for 5 minutes, today and July 25.

Mr. CARTER, for 5 minutes, July 25.

Mr. WELLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, for 5 minutes, July 25.

Mr. KIRK, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SERRANO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. PELOSI, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2690. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8801 Sudley Road in Manassas, Virginia, as the "Harry J. Parrish Post Office", to the Committee on Government Reform.

S. 3187. An act to designate the Post Office located at 5755 Post Road, East Greenwich, Rhode Island, as the "Richard L. Cevoli Post Office", to the Committee on Government Reform.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House reports that on July 20, 2006, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 5117. To exempt persons with disabilities from the prohibition against providing section 8 rental assistance to college students.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 38 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at 9 a.m., for morning hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8747. A letter from the Publications Control Officer, Department of the Army, De-

partment of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Law Enforcement Reporting (RIN: 0702-AA52-U) received July 12, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8748. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Relocation of Subpart 225.6 to 225.76 [DFARS Case 2006-D003] received July 12, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8749. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Extension of Contract Goal for Small Disadvantaged Businesses and Certain Institutions of Higher Learning [DFARS Case 2006-D010] received July 12, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8750. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Acquisition of Information Technology [DFARS Case 2003-D068] received July 12, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8751. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Exchange or Sale of Government-Owned Information Technology [DFARS Case 2003-D094] received July 12, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8752. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Required Sources of Supply [DFARS Case 2003-D072] received July 12, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8753. A letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting the annual compilation of personal financial disclosure statements and amendments thereto filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Rule XXVI, clause 1, of the House Rules; (H. Doc. No. 109-128); to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and ordered to be printed.

8754. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Administration's certification that the level of screening services and protection provided at Greater Rochester International Airport will be equal to or greater than the level that would be provided at the airport by TSA Transportation Security Officers, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44920(d); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

8755. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the 2006 annual report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 369; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means.

8756. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a copy of the 23rd Actuarial Valuation of the Assets and Liabilities Under the Railroad Retirement Acts, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f-1; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Transportation and Infrastructure.